

Policy HEN1

Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment

Development proposals affecting heritage assets will conserve, and where appropriate enhance, the District's historic environment through positive management of development affecting heritage assets, including change within the setting of heritage assets, to ensure they are conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance. This includes applications affecting:

Designated heritage assets, such as:

- Listed buildings;
- Scheduled monuments;
- Conservation areas; and
- Registered parks and gardens.

Non-designated heritage assets, such as:

- Locally listed buildings, structures and places;
- Buildings and structures identified as making a positive contribution to the character of a conservation area;
- Buildings and structures identified as making a positive contribution to historic landscape character;
- Buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscapes identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions because of their heritage interest;
- Kent Compendium of Historic Parks and Gardens;
- Historic Farmsteads; and
- Assets identified in the Kent Historic Environment Record (HER).

Proposals for development should make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness, and respond sensitively to change within the historic environment, taking into account national planning policy and the following policies and guidance, where applicable:

- a. Local Plan policies relating to design, heritage assets and landscape character;
- b. Relevant research to understand the significance of the historic environment and specific assets it contains, including the Kent Historic Environment Record (HER) as a minimum;
- c. Current best practice guidance produced by Historic England; and
- d. Other principles set out in relevant local policy/guidance, including the Kent Design Guide SPD, Local List SPD, Sevenoaks District Historic Environment Review, Conservation Area Appraisals, the Conservation Area Design Guidance SPD, Neighbourhood Plans, Sevenoaks Landscape Character Assessment, or any subsequent versions, and any historic environment guidance adopted by the Council.